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BRITISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON
SEPTEMBER 21. THRUST OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WAS:

A) THAT THE UK MAY BE READY TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER
ITS UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF CAPACITY IN THE LONDON-CHICAGO
AND LONDON-MIAMI AIR MARKETS BY AGREEING TO AN EVENTUAL
AIRLINE COMPROMISE AND GIVING US ASSURANCES AGAINST
FURTHER UNILATERAL ACTIONS DURING THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE
NEW BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT. (JOEL BILLER WILL MEET WITH
UK OFFICIALS IN LONDON SEPTEMBER 25 FOR FURTHER

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DISCUSSIONS.)

B) HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE IMPLICATION IN THE ROBINSON-COLEMAN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE UK IS CALLING FOR AN
END TO AIRLINE COMPETITION IN THE NEW AGREEMENT. HABIB

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